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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Hisatoshi HIROTA)	
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Application No.: 09/541,779)	Office of Petitions
)	Patent and Trademark Office
Filed: April 3, 2000)	
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Title: CAPACITY CONTROLLER)	
OF CAPACITY VARIABLE)	
COMPRESSOR)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR PETITION
TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

ATTN: Examiner Scherbel
Box DAC
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This supplemental information is being provided to clarify the information provided in the original Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, which was faxed to the PTO on March 11, 2002.

This supplemental information is being provided by the firm of Patterson, Thuente, Skaar & Christensen, L.L.C. The Patterson firm has taken over responsibility for the above-identified patent application from Mr. James E. Nilles, who has recently retired and closed the Nilles & Nilles, S.C. firm. The Patterson firm is a separate entity from the Nilles firm, but has taken over the space formerly occupied by the Nilles firm, and has access to the docketing system formerly used by the Nilles firm.

Applicant asserts that the Office communication having a mailing date of May 9, 2001, which was received from the PTO, did not include an Office Action.

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In particular, Applicant asserts that the Office communication having a mailing date of May 9, 2001 merely included a PTO-90C cover sheet, a PTO-413 form comprising two pages, (one sheet titled Interview Summary and the second sheet titled Summary of Record Interview Requirements), and a Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review.

A search of the file jacket reveals that the above-listed items are the only items in the file for this application corresponding to the May 9, 2001 Office communication. No Office Action appears in the file, nor any indication that an Office Action was received appears in the file. The only prior art references in the file are those that were listed on form PTO-1449, submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement dated March 9, 2001.

When the May 9, 2001 Office communication was received, the person (unknown) who did the docketing at the Nilles firm did docket two dates: a three month date of Aug. 9, 2001 and a six month date of Nov. 9, 2001. It must be noted, however, that these entries were entered in the docket system with entry code 1, which is "Office Action or Examiner's Letter." Quite possibly, the person who did the docketing was unsure about what to do with an Interview Summary, and to be on the safe side, docketed standard response times. A copy of the docketed items that are printed out as stickers and attached to the Office communication is attached hereto.

On August 31, 2001, for whatever reason, the docket records pertaining to the Office communication were deleted. A search of the file jacket and computer word processing files indicate that no Response to an Office Action was ever prepared or attempted. Quite possibly, at that time, Mr. Nilles reviewed the file jacket, noted only an Interview Summary, and requested that the docket records be deleted.

The handwritten notes of Mr. Nilles in this file written on a sheet of yellow paper dated Feb. 22, 2002 state: "I only rec'd interview summary (1 page) and never rec'd action."

Thus, Applicant asserts that this Application was not properly held abandoned. Accordingly, Applicant requests the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

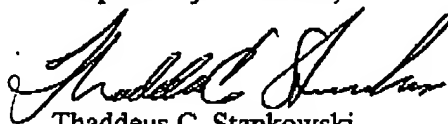
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Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees arising as a result of this or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2522.

Respectfully submitted,



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09/541,779	08/03/00	FINOTA	14 133,040

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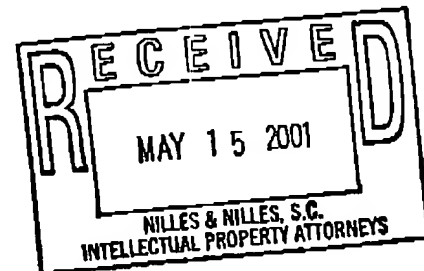
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Interview Summary

Application No.

09/541,779

Applicant(s)

HIROTA, HISATOSHI

Examiner

Timothy P. Solak

Art Unit

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Timothy P. Solak.

(3)_____.

(2) Mr. Nilles.

(4)_____.

Date of Interview: 27 April 2001.Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

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Examiner's signature, if required

FORM PTO 948 (REV. 01-70)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE-Patent and Trademark Office

Application No.

09/541779

NOTICE OF DRAFTPERSON'S
PATENT DRAWING REVIEWThe drawing filed (insert date) 4/3/00 are:A. ☐ not objected to by the Draftperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.B. ☒ objected to by the Draftperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 as indicated below. The Examiner will require submission of new, corrected drawings where necessary. Corrected drawings must be submitted according to the instructions on the back of this notice.1. DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings:
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14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.48(i)

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15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS. 37 CFR 1.84(v)

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16. CORRECTIONS. 37 CFR 1.84(w)

☐ Corrections not made from PTO-948 dated _____

17. DESIGN DRAWINGS. 37 CFR 1.152

☐ Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) _____☐ Solid black shading not used for color contrast.

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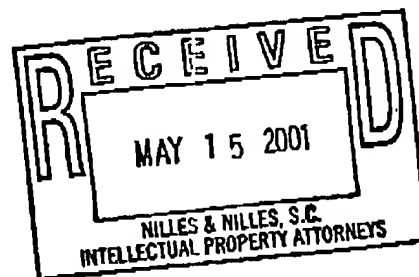
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ary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case unless both applicant and examiner agree that the examiner will record same. Where the examiner agrees to record the substance of the interview, or when it is adequately recorded on the Form or in an attachment to the Form, the examiner should check the appropriate box at the bottom of the Form which informs the applicant that the submission of a separate record of the substance of the interview as a supplement to the Form is not required.

It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
(The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- 7) if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

FORM PTO 948 (REV. 01-97)

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